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### Aman Reminds Residents of Sales Tax Free Week



*All Clothing and Footwear Under \$300 Exempt  
from Sales Tax for one Week in August*

**HARTFORD-** State Representative Bill Aman (R-South Windsor) today reminded consumers that Connecticut's "sales tax-free holiday" would take place shortly. From Sunday, August 21st through Saturday, August 27th, all clothing and footwear under \$300 will be exempt from the state's six percent sales tax.

As part of the 2005-2006 state budget, the Legislature approved one-week sales exemption from the state's six per cent sales. The State of Connecticut began the sales tax free week in August 2000. It was rescinded in 2003 but brought back again last year. Proposals have been introduced to add a second week later in the year, but they have not received legislative approval.

Examples of clothing exempted during the sales tax-free holiday are jeans, dresses, blouses, shirts, shoes, sneakers, scarves, gloves, and belts. Non-apparel items, such as jewelry, wallets, and luggage are not included in the exemption.

"This is a great time for Connecticut residents to take advantage of the savings, particularly with back-to-school items they might be looking to purchase this month," said representative Aman. "I hope that many shoppers will be able to make purchases during the tax free week. It will benefit them as well as the shops providing the clothing or footwear."

The concept was first introduced in August 1999 - modeled after a successful New York program - as a way of providing additional relief to Connecticut families while boosting the state's economic competitiveness among neighboring states. Consumers seeking more information on the state's "sales tax-free week" can visit the Department of Revenue Services' website at: [www.ct.gov/drs](http://www.ct.gov/drs)